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URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SERVICES OF NGOS
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made plans to use Non-Governmental Organisations for extending various services and housing in urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the Non-Governmental Organisations which are registered with the Government for such purposes;

(c) whether there is any rule which says only Delhi based NGOs would get land, patronage and money from the Government for urban based social work; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Government of India (GOD and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed an agreement in October 2003 to collaborate on the project entitled `national Strategy for Urban Poor`. The development objective of the project is to support adoption of a new national strategy for urban poverty reduction at the Centre and the States, based on informed debate, local/international experience and research findings on the causes and potential responses to urban poverty. The project would support a combination of initiatives like research and network building for dialogue on policies and regulations and a facility to support community associations and NGOs for actual ground level work through two distinct but mutually reinforcing components, viz., National Component and NCR component. At the current juncture, NGOs have been identified for the NCR component only.

(c)4-(i): The GOI-UNDP project provides for pilot initiatives involving NGOs under the NCR component of the project, In the selection of NGOs for the NCR component, preference has been given to NGOs which have prior experience in Delhi.